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Lester Snow, Executive Director Calfed Bay-Delta Program 1416 Ninth St., Ste. 1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mr. Snow:

- The water users of the state of California must draw from a common pool. Separating the Delta from the Sacramento flows would only degrade the quality of the water further. For those reasons, the Isolated Facility, or Peripheral Canal, must be removed from the plan.
- San Joaquin County is largely based on agriculture. Our food and fibers are worth \$1.4 Billion to San Joaquin County. Retirement of productive Delta farmland must be removed from the plan. The little bit of water we use does not have much of an impact on State supplies; however, the loss of this land would have a negative impact on San Joaquin County. In this area, we already have public wetlands and a County-wide Multi-species Habitat Protection and Open Space Plan of our own.
- Enough offstream storage to meet California's needs for the future must be an integral part of a revised Plan.
- Increased releases into the San Joaquin from Friant Dam must be an integral part of a revised Plan.
- A revised plan must also include increased planning and funding of municipal water treatment facilities. Coastal municipalities must invest in desalinization plants and water reclamation facilities within their spheres.

The State of California has been far too careless in its management of water supplies, and we are now paying the price. The only reason the Delta needs to be *fixed* is because it has been *broken* by too many careless attempts at fixing it in the past. You now have the opportunity to take care of this situation and to finally come up with a plan that works.

Sincerely.

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